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what's happening at the bridge

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Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people

**Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**

Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

Sun. Apr. 5 – Palm Sunday Services 10:00 on FB Live and Zoom
Thu. Apr. 9 – 6:30 - Maundy Thursday Service via FB live and Zoom
Fri. Apr. 10 – Noon – Good Friday Service via FB Live and Zoom
Sun. Apr. 12 – Easter Sunday Services at 10:00 am via FB live and Zoom

**** these will be updated weekly as we assess the health situation

**** Please remember all monthly/weekly groups are cancelled for the next several weeks. This includes Sleep Mats, Book Club, Women of the Bridge, Scouts and others. Please look for emails from the leaders about when the group will restart.**

Facebook Live Feeds this Week

Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 pm- Starting Thursday April 2 - FB Live and Zoom

Sunday 10:00 am—Worship with Doug FB Live and Zoom (login beginning at 9:30)

Just a few quotes from those who used Zoom this week:

“ it was great to actually see others”, “ it was easy and a wonderful experience”, “I liked Zoom better than the FB “, “ Did not have the lag or freeze like FB”

Try it this week - you might really like it!!

If you want to be connected by Zoom - let Wanda know by Friday.

Email her at thebridgepres@gmail.com

You can also join the zoom link and leave your video off if you just want to listen and the group not see you

For Facebook— YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE AN ACCOUNT to view the feed. You can to the website www.thebridgepres.org—go all the way to the bottom and click on the Facebook logo. You can also google the church name and go to the link to our home page on facebook.

***** Remember — on facebook—you may have to scroll down through old posts or even click on the video button to find he live feed depending on your device**

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge***? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly



Date: Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Title: "The Things That Make For Peace."

Text: Luke 2: 8 – 14, Luke 19: 28 – 44

QUESTIONS:

- Where were you this past Christmas Eve of 2019?
Who were you with? What was your mood like? What was going on in the world?
- Are we at war with the silent, invisible COVID virus? If so, what needs to happen for their to peace and a return to normal?
- What connects Luke 2: 8 - 14 with Luke 19: 28 – 44?
What is Luke up to by echoing Luke 2 in Luke 19?
- Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem in Luke 19:41?
What do you think he meant when he spoke of the things that make for peace?
- Do you think it's even possible to dream of getting back to normal or will life be permanently altered because of the virus?
What do you think will be changed forever?
What do you think need to change/die in your life in order to find peace?
What needs to change or die in our national life in order to find peace?
What does it mean to spiritually die and rise again?
- Look again at both of the passages in Luke. What do you think are the things that make for peace right now? How is the Prince of Peace visiting you...our world? How might we recognize his appearance among us?

bridge "Notes" from Patty



I couldn't sleep last night! Thoughts were just looping over and over through my head. My mind felt like a hamster on one of those wheels. I started listening to a few of my favorite Easter songs and I could just feel peace flow through every limb until I finally could get to sleep. Now's the time to meditate on God's word and take every care to him through prayer, but soothing music helps too. I have so many Easter favorites. I hope you will feel the love and peace of our Jesus Christ as you listen to this song. I will see you Sunday on "Zoom" or Facebook and look forward to when we're together again.

<https://youtu.be/4MUNywhsZPU>

Pray Daily

Prayers requests for:



- Peter Barrett's cousin, Patti Brannick, diagnosed with ALS.
- Mary Ellen Cole's cousins, Russ and Pam McElhaney, diagnosed with COVID 19.
- Carol Spradley's cousin's husband, Randy Cole, deployed as a chaplain in NYC for the next 30 days.
- Kathy Dixon's 95-year-old father, recovering health issues. Prayers for his continued improvement.
- Charlie Riddle's housemate, Peter, recovering from surgery for a brain aneurysm.
- Kasey Cushing, Doug's nephew Zac's wife, diagnosed with COVID 19. She has improved this past week and her husband remains free of COVID symptoms.
- Susan Stanewick's neighbor, Billy, gall bladder surgery.

Sympathy

- Gary Westphal in the death of his brother, Walter, on March 27. Prayers for the Westphal family.
- The bereaved who are unable to comfort and grieve the loss of loved ones in-person or at services as desired.

The Coronavirus Prayer

1 Corinthians 16:13 (The New King James Version): *Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.*

The bridge Presbyterian Church believes in the power of prayer. Prayer is the way in which we reach out to the world and as we give voice to joys and concerns, all aspects of life are laid before the throne of God. Prayer is an act of confident hope and is the language of our faith. It is a power we must call on now like never before, asking for God's intervention of this virus.

We are asking friends and families and their friends and families to join us in praying the prayer below, every day and as often as you can. Also, you are invited to participate in our church's live facebook feed when we will pray the prayer together on **Thursday, April 2**. Our pastor gathers us twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) for connection sessions at 12:30 pm. We share scripture, meditation, and prayer.

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One Prayerful Response to the Coronavirus Crisis

God of creation and re-creation,
God of the future and of the past,
All things are in your hands.
We thank you that your mysterious will is at work in our time,
As it has always been.

Yet, we feel adrift in a sea of unknowing.
Our world is uncertain and rapidly changing.
We are reminded daily that we are not in control,
And we don't understand this global pandemic.
We only feel suffering and fear and powerlessness.

We turn to you in this crisis, dear Lord,
And pray for a deeper faith,
A faith that is willing to entrust our lives and the lives of those we love
Into your ever-vigilant care.
Remind us again and again that in life and in death,
We belong to you.

In that assurance, we are bold to pray for our world.

We pray for:

All those who are sick and hospitalized,
All medical personnel who treat them,
And the experts who are seeking a cure and medicines to help those who are infected.
We pray for our government – local, state, and national – that must address this crisis,
For those who are most vulnerable,
For those whom we love,
And for those in other parts of the world who are suffering along with us.

We pray that you would help us to handle our worst fears,
That you would inspire a sense of civic responsibility among us,
And a spirit of global cooperation as we confront our common enemy.
We pray that you would act in power, O God,
So that the spread of this disease might be curtailed.
Please save your people and your world,
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil: Thurs. April 9 – Fri. April 10

Following the worship and prayer service next Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 on Facebook Live and Zoom, we will begin a 12-hour prayer vigil at 8:00 pm.

What is a prayer vigil? It is an hour of time spent alone with God, not talking to anyone but God. The purpose of this is to be still and quiet ourselves and to listen to anything God wants to say to us. One of our Core Habits is Pray Daily. This Prayer Vigil will be a beautiful demonstration of the scripture from 1 Thesalonians 5:16-18, *Rejoice always, prayer without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of the Lord.*

We are asking you to sign up for an hour time slot between 8:00 p.m. on April 9 and 7:00 a.m. on April 10. To sign up, please Contact Wanda either by phone (910.769.4951) or by email (thebridgepres@gmail.com). Resources to use for your prayer time will be emailed to you prior to the vigil. If you would like an electronic copy of the resource please request one at thebridgepres@gmail.com.

Give Generously

This weeks offering is \$ 5,460.00

A you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail your pledges to **497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451** or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check. It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

Words of Encouragement

The Other Side of the Virus,
An Opportunity to Awaken...
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighborhood
so that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary.

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting.
All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new
way.
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.

So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic-
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.
- Written by Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM, March 13th
2020

Cherish Children



During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at efmurray1975@gmail.com if you are not getting the resources and would like to.

Serve Our Community



Disaster Recovery Team

Brunswick County Health Services reports that 214 COVID-19 test samples have been collected in the county. As of 8:00 am Monday morning 6 of those tests have been positive, 74 were negative, and 134 results are still pending. Novant will begin testing on Tuesday at its facility in Supply. Most county offices such as licensing & permits, deeds & records, etc. are open by appointment only. To keep updated on county virus containment guidelines and restrictions, emergency alerts, and available services visit the site: ***brunswickcountync.gov/health/coronavirus***

Leland House Luncheon



Friends of Leland House – You'll be happy to hear that our Session approved the idea of buying a lunch for all of the staff at Leland House in order to say 'Thank you' to them for continuing to care for the residents at this difficult time. The idea was to use a local restaurant that would deliver sandwiches for us. Phil at Bagel Meister was asked if he could do that, and he insisted on donating the sandwiches along with a dessert. Around noon on Wednesday Phil delivered the food and the staff were all there to receive it and to say 'Thank you' (they stayed inside while we were outside). After Doug blessed the food and offered a prayer for all the staff and the residents, they wheeled the cart into Leland House. Please continue to remember the folks at Leland House in your prayers. We're happy to report that, as of today, everyone is well and doing fine.





North Carolina Association of Free & Charitable Clinics

New Hope Clinic Wish List Mission Project- Sustainable Mission Partner for March

The Coronavirus pandemic has greatly affected the care provided by the New Hope Clinic for low income, uninsured, Brunswick County adults. Their volunteer staff of healthcare professionals is still providing primary care and pharmacy, and is educating the public about the Coronavirus. Dental, all other testing, counseling, and service projects, have been cancelled. Patients matching sick visit criteria are directed to drive through testing.

Items from their Wish List are needed, as this situation is worsening.

Wish List Items

Cool Mist Compressor System for Home and Travel Use for Adults and Kids by LSBZ
or Personal Compressor System Machines

Omron 5 Series Upper Arm Blood Pressure Monitor, 2-User, 100 Reading Memory
or Upper Arm Automatic Blood Pressure Monitors

MedtFine Insulin Pen Needles (31G 8mm)

MedtFine Insulin Pen Needles (32G 4mm)

Pill Organizers- 7 day/ 4 times a day

Post-it Message Flags "Sign Here" assorted colors, bold arrow points

Post-it Super Sticky Rio de Janeiro Colors 3x3 notes

3x3 inches yellow self-stick notes

Heavy duty can liners-clear 56 gallon 1.2 ml

WAYS TO HELP


If you would like to donate by check, please make the check out to [the bridge P.C.](#), and send to Wanda at 497 Olde Waterford Way, #205, Leland. If you want to sponsor an item from the list, indicate it in the memo area.

If you would like to order online, go to AmazonSmile Charity Lists for New Hope Clinic.

If you have shopped, a bin will be outside at the back door of the bridge Tuesday, April 7 from 9:00 to 10:00a.m. with a bridge member nearby.

Participation in this mission project is voluntary. Your generous and caring spirits are greatly appreciated by the Sustainable Mission Partners of the bridge Presbyterian Church.

Your Mission Team



BRING A BOX IT HELPS A LOT!

HELP US PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR MOST
VULNERABLE SENIORS DURING THE
CORONA VIRUS CRISIS!

HERE IS HOW YOU BUILD YOUR BOX!





- **STEP ONE: FIND A BOX!**
- **STEP TWO: FILL IT UP WITH GOODIES!**
- **STEP THREE: DROP IT OFF! AT YOUR NEAREST CENTER.**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

- 10050 BEACH DR SW CALABASH, NC 28467
- 121 TOWN HALL DRIVE NE LELAND, NC 28451
- 3620 EXPRESS DRIVE SHALLOTTE NC, 28470
- 1513 N. HOWE ST., STE. 1, SOUTHPORT, NC 28461
- 101 STONE CHIMNEY DRIVE SUPPLY, NC 28462

Drop off times:
Wednesdays
10-1 pm
3/30- 4/17

Cant make one of the
drop off times?
Call for more info:
(910) 880-2777

Brunswick Senior Resources is in need of food boxes for delivery to shut in seniors in need of additional food. Food pantry supplies are critically low while the number of requests for assistance are increasing weekly. If you can help, food boxes should be dropped off at **the bridge** front entrance next Wednesday morning, April 8th, between 9:00 and 10:00 am. There is a flyer available with a list of needed items. If you do not have a box, bring your items in a bag. Boxes will then be provided.

If you will be bringing a box on Wednesday, please let Wanda know at thebridgepres@gmail.com so we can be prepared.

SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR BOX:

Food Items:

- Canned Meats (Such as Tuna, Chicken, Turkey)
- Peanut Butter Canned
- Dried Fruits (Fruit cups packed in 100% water or 100% juice, no added sugar)
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grains, Flours, Oats (Labeled 100% whole wheat, whole grain, brown rice, whole oats)
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Low Sodium Soups Microwavable items with the pop tops
- Crackers Protein Bars Cereal Nuts and Trail mix
- Bottled water

Household items:

- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric sheets
- Surface cleaner
- Sponges

Personal Care Items:

- Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Unscented lotion

Want to add an extra? Go ahead!

- ENCOURAGING CARD!
- ADULT COLORING BOOKS!
- A FAVORITE BOOK!
- GET CREATIVE!



LIKE and FOLLOW us on Facebook, tag us in a picture of your box! @brunswickseniors



BRUNSWICK COUNTY – In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) is seeing an increased need for financial assistance and food services throughout the county. With businesses closing to prevent the continued spread of Covid-19, more people are out of work and are needing services than normal. BFA will continue to ensure the community's needs are taken care of by providing financial relief, food distribution, and other services. "Our staff is working around the clock to ensure no one goes without," said Stephanie Bowen, BFA Executive Director. "We want to encourage anyone who wants to help and/or is able to please consider making a financial contribution."

Financial contributions are safer for the community than food donations due to the potential spread of Covid-19. Donations can be made on BFA's web-site <http://brunswickfamily.org/> or by check made out to Brunswick Family Assistance and mailed to P.O. Box 1551, Shallotte, NC 28459. Donations of any kind are appreciated and will go a long way towards ensuring the needs of the community are met for the foreseeable future.

While BFA offices have been closed to the public since March 15th after an abundance of caution for the community and staff, staff is still on site and ready to assist the community. BFA services have not been impacted by the closing of the offices to the public. Those in need of assistance are encouraged to call BFA at 910-754-4766 for the Shallotte office or 910-408-1700 for the Leland Office to set up appointments for pantry visits and other assistance services.

Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - April



Brenda Bozeman	1
Sandy Barrett	2
Anne Graham	7
Luana Queen	10
Dennis Rumpf	15
Harry Adams	20
Linda Wells	21
Bill Harwell	26
Robert Knerr	28